GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:177
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2017
e-NAM
Khadse Smt. Raksha Nikhil

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to upgrade and bring more mandis on the e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) platform by allocating funds for each market as announced in the recent General Budget and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade and develop societies working online and connecting those with the District Co-operative Banks for better monitoring and bringing transparency at village level which is the common facilitation centre for all agricultural inputs and provide adequate funding, if required and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide financial aid or launch a scheme to support the computerization and allied network establishment at each society level to strengthen the e-NAM platform in the entire country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 177 DUE FOR REPLY ON 14TH MARCH, 2017.
(a): Yes, Madam. 250 mandis had already been integrated with the e-NAM portal by September, 2016 against the target of 200 mandis. An additional 150 mandis are ready to come on-line within March, 2017. Remaining 185 mandis will be integrated by March, 2018 bringing the total to 585. Union Finance Minister in his budget speech for 2017-18 announced central assistance upto Rs.75 lakh per Mandi against the existing assistance of Rs.30 lakh per mandi integrated with e-NAM. This assistance will facilitate creation/strengthening of allied infrastructures such as cleaning, grading and packaging facilities, computer hardware, assaying labs and compost unit with an aim to upgrade the infrastructure of the onboarded mandis.
(b): As Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) act as a front end for loan disbursements to the farmers, in addition to supplying agricultural inputs (fertilizers, seeds) to them and undertaking procurement/purchase of agricultural produce from farmers, Union Finance Minister in his budget speech for 2017-18 announced support to National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) for computerization and integration of 63,000 functional PACS with the Core Banking System (CBS) of District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs). This will be done in 3 years at an estimated cost of Rs.1,900 crores, with financial participation from State Governments. This would ensure seamless flow of credit to small and marginal farmers.
(c) & (d): No, Madam.

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